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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7192

BILL NUMBER: HB 1331

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 2, 2009

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Body Armor for Police Officers.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Lawson L

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 X FEDERAL

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: The bill provides that a city, county, or town (unit) shall provide an active member of the police department of the unit with body armor for the torso (armor). The bill requires a unit to replace armor according to the replacement period recommended by the manufacturer of the armor.

The bill makes technical corrections. The bill also makes a conforming amendment.

Effective Date: July 1, 2009.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: *Summary:* The bill would have an indeterminable impact on local expenditures. The impact would depend on the amount of replacement body armor needed as of the effective date of the bill, the amount of which is unknown. The impact to local expenditures would also be affected by the availability of matching federal grants for body armor.

Background: Federal Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) Program- Local law enforcement agencies may apply to the federal government's BVP Program. During FY 2008, 108 local law enforcement jurisdictions were awarded approximately \$431,015 to purchase a *requested* 2,032 vests. Whether the funding was sufficient for the requested vest total is unknown.

The BVP Program is a 50% matching fund for qualified vest purchases. In order to receive funds, local departments must complete an application and meet several standards, including the safety level of the vests purchased according to NIJ Standard 0101.04.

Vest Cost- One supplier of body armor carries complete vests that range in cost from \$490 to \$840 per unit.

Estimated Number of Local Law Enforcement Officers- As of May 2007, there were an estimated 10,710 to 10,760 local police and sheriff patrol officers on duty and 242 law enforcement jurisdictions in Indiana.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: Local law enforcement agencies.

Information Sources: Bureau of Labor Statistics, *Occupational Employment Statistics* for May 2007, Travis Robinson, Indiana Criminal Justice Institute; Steven R. Jenkins Company, 1-800-652-8244; United States Department of Justice, BVP Program; FBI Uniform Crime Reports 2007.

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